

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1820 - HB 1966

February 23, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes changes to the *Intractable Pain Treatment Act* (ITPA). Substitutes the term “opiate” with “controlled substance” in the ITPA. Specifies that physicians are not required to prescribe controlled substances if the risk outweighs the benefits. Removes language requiring physicians to make physician referrals for patients seeking a controlled substance, if the referring physician will not prescribe such controlled substances.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- According to the Department of Health, there will not be significant impact on the Department or any health related board.
- It is assumed that the changes to the ITPA will not have an impact on public health plans administered by the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Benefits Administration or the Bureau of TennCare.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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